



Pine Brook Press

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Pine Brook Hills Residents

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PINE BROOK HILLS LIVES ON

The Four Mile Fire was a roller coaster of terror, relief, gratitude and heartfelt sympathy for communities less fortunate than ours. We dodged a bullet. Here's how close that bullet came:

Just as the sheriff was allowing PBH residents to return to their homes on Thursday morning, September 9, the fire's greatest threat to our community was developing. The weather forecast and computer simulations of the Four Mile Fire trajectory were painting the worst case nightmare scenario for Pine Brook Hills. A dry front was projected to sweep in during the afternoon with high winds directly from the west and southwest. Just west of PBH, so near that the naked eye could make out the heartrending devastation of our neighbors' homes on Sunshine Canyon, fire was still smoldering. Computer programs were forecasting that powerful winds would carry the fire through Bristlecone and Wildhorse, Pine Brook Loop and West Coach Road all the way into Boulder. City of Boulder residents west of Broadway were warned that they might have to evacuate.

Fire Chief John Benson said that the hairs stood up on the back of his neck when he heard the briefing.

At this time Federal authorities were in charge of the fire, and federal firefighters were stationed on top of Boulder Heights and to the west on Sunshine Canyon. Federal air support was invaluable in suppressing the fire.

By 2 PM the winds were gaining force and PBH residents were re-evacuated. It was an "all hands on deck" situation. The defense of PBH was planned, organized and implemented by two men, to whom this community owes an enormous debt of gratitude: Fire Chief John Benson and Water District Manager and Retired Reserve Firefighter Bob de Haas. Bob and John effectively organized the resources that they had available,

consisting entirely of our own fire department engines and personnel.

Bob de Haas had another concern: when the electrical grid was shut off, that also prevented the pumping stations from working and keeping the storage tanks filled and available for fire fighting. Battling bureaucratic red tape he got power restored to the pumps. But then it was turned off again. He then organized the procurement and installation of generator sets to power the pumps. Again the biggest hindrance was in getting permission to bring them up the hill. But he succeeded and the pumps were operating Thursday evening.

As darkness approached the winds picked up and a rain of ashes fell silently on the upper reaches of Pine Brook Hills. John and Bob placed lookouts observing west and north from our district and assigned crews in each engine ready for fire. Their task - patrol PBH and Carriage Hills roads above the Fire Station on Linden, looking for spot fires carried by embers. Because of the uncertainty of radio communications, the department used the radio frequency of Pine Brook Water.

Fire was observed on the Sunshine saddle just west of Star House. It was quickly attacked and put out. The engines kept driving the loops of upper PBH until 12:30 A.M. Friday morning when the winds died down. John Benson and Bob de Haas spent the night at the station, ready to get things rolling again if needed. But the night remained quiet.

This community thanks the Boulder Mountain Fire District Firefighters, the Third Arm Volunteers for organizing smooth evacuations that won the praise of the Sheriff's department and all the volunteers who gave of themselves tirelessly to defend our little corner of the world.

A FIRE TOO CLOSE!

Photos by Bob Olliver



Fire Chief John Benson (left) and Water District Manager and Firefighter Bob de Haas keeping watch.



JOIN A COMMUNITY EFFORT TO SAVE OUR TREES

Come to the **BEETLEBUSTER SEMINAR**

Saturday, Oct. 2, 9-2 for people new to beetling and those who want to refresh their knowledge.

Sunday, Oct. 3, 9-2, for current BeetleBusters.

Pine Brook has been successful so far in keeping the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic in check, but we could lose the battle if we don't identify and remove infested trees. A research project in Aspen drew the following conclusion: "Failure to remove infested brood trees drastically increased the localized risk of MPB attack (by an average of nearly forty fold)...Brood tree removal is crucial for minimizing MPB damage." *Aspen Smuggler Mountain Final Report, 2010.*

The BeetleBuster seminars are led by Bruce Benning-

hoff, USFS (ret), Forest Health Consultant, who knows beetles on a first-name basis. A morning class session is followed by an afternoon in the field, meeting the beetles where they live. Now that our trees have survived the fire let's help them survive the beetles!



Photo by Jim Adams

Checking a tree for beetles.

Reserve a place by writing to beetlebusters@gmail.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Community Center/Firehouse unless otherwise noted.

HOA MEETING, October 19. Potluck at 6 P.M. followed by presentation of thanks to Firefighters. Meeting at 7 P.M. includes election of officers and discussion of PBH roads.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE - meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M.

BEETLE SEMINARS - Sat., Oct 2, for people new to beetling. Sun., Oct. 3, for all current BeetleBusters. Both sessions are at 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Community Center. RSVP beetlebusters@gmail.com

FIRE BOARD - Meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 7 P.M. at either the Pine Brook or Boulder Heights Firehouse. Call 440-0235 for specifics.

FIRE AUXILIARY - Generally meets the first Sunday of every month at 7 P.M. Call 786-8476 for confirmation.

MOUNTAIN EXPRESSIONS - Sat., Nov. 13, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Sun., Nov. 14, noon to 4 P.M. See page 14.

OPEN STUDIOS - Oct. 2,3,9 and 10, noon to 6 P.M. each day. See story on page 7.

WATER BOARD - Meets first or second Thursday of every month at 4:30 P.M. Call Water Office at 443-5394 for dates.

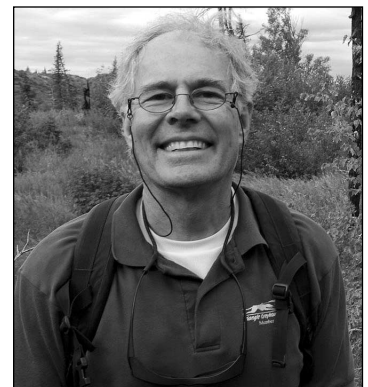
PRESIDENT'S PATTTER:

"PAVE THE WAY" for an evening of potluck, potholes and most important, PRESENTATION of THANKS to our FIREFIGHTERS!

By Bill Alexander, HOA President

Our next HOA general meeting will be on Tuesday evening October 19 starting at 6:00 P.M:

- 6 P.M. - Potluck with HOA supplying the drinks and cutlery/plates while YOU supply the food
- 7 P.M. or a little earlier - A Heartfelt Thanks to our Firefighters, Third Arm volunteers, and all the people who helped save our beautiful Pine Brook Hills.
- 7:30 P.M. - Business meeting concentrating on PBH roads repaving (see story, p. 6) plus annual election of HOA officers.



In response to an advisory ballot mailed by the County, Pine Brookers supported the County's proposal for repaving our roads. However, other unincorporated subdivisions rejected the proposal, leaving us with some difficult decisions. In Pine Brook's early days some people rode horses down the dirt road which later became Linden. Dirt

roads and horses might be an option if we don't find solutions to the repaving question.

So if you can't make the early potluck, come later to contribute your thoughts and ideas as we try to determine a consensus of how PineBrookers would like to handle the important and expensive roads situation.

Look at this PBH road - showing "alligatoring" surface that is close to the last step before road disintegration:



On this PBH road the county has patched a small piece, but not fixed a much larger section:



Speaking of the roads, there has been a lot of discussion in the PBH Yahoo group about Linden being Boulder's new RaceTrack. This concerns all our local roads, not just Linden. There have been many instances of dangerous out of control speeding and some close calls between cars, pedestrians and animals. This is also a big problem when the fire department's Third Arm volunteers are managing traffic - such as during the recent Fourmile Canyon fire. Please, remind yourselves and especially younger drivers and guests - our community includes many steep road areas and hairpin turns. Everyone needs to obey the existing traffic signs and SLOW DOWN to avoid terrible accidents with the very real possibility of serious injuries and deaths. Lets be safe out there!

I hope to see you all on October 19th.

FIRE NOTES

Information from John Benson compiled by the Editor

Fire danger continues. The grasses have cured out and we are coming up on our busiest months, with high winds, lack of snow pack and cured fuels. BMFPD has been and will be ready for any fire which may occur. We are asking that everyone be vigilant. If you smell or see smoke DIAL 911 immediately.

Please cut your tall grasses, especially along the roads. Check and augment the defensible space around your home. Don't assume that because we had a major fire, we'll never have another one.

Mandatory Evacuation: Following the Sheriff's direction to leave the district when fire threatens is not only for your personal safety but for the efficiency of the fire suppression efforts. Thanks to the vast majority who did leave during the Four Mile Fire. Your cooperation helped.

Four Mile was not the only fire this season. Some of you may have smelled the smoke, seen the plume or perhaps even seen the lightning which caused a small wildland fire on August 6 at approximately 1600. The fire was located below Alder Lane on Boulder City Open Space. Crews from BMFPD, Boulder Rural Fire Protection District, City of Boulder Wildland Division and Sunshine Fire Protection District all responded quickly to suppress this fire and keep it from growing. Thanks to higher fuel moistures and no winds, the fire was contained to approximately five hundred square feet. During the same time period another single tree lightning strike was reported above Granite Drive on the south side of Sunshine Canyon. Crews were quickly dispatched to that fire before it was able to spread up our hillsides.

In addition to BMFPD crews assisting with fire suppression, our remaining crews were dispatched to specific lookout points to monitor and check for additional fires caused by the fast moving thunderstorms. So if you didn't smell the smoke or see the flames on that fire, you can credit that to our highly dedicated and trained fire departments in Boulder County.

BMFPD enhances our training and response capabilities.

With the large number of solar panels being installed in our district, BMFPD will undergo emergency response training regarding photovoltaic systems this month. There have already been reported injuries from

these systems to emergency responders in Western states. I do not want this scenario to rear its ugly head in the event of a structure fire, wildland fire or other incident. We may be asking you, the homeowners, to let us look at your system so that we can become familiar with the set-up and address any safety concerns we may have. Emergency responders have been thrown a large curve ball, just as we were when hybrid vehicles came out. If you have a system and would be willing to let BMFPD examine it to become better informed as to the inner workings, please contact me at 303.440.0235 or by email at chief@bouldermountainfire.org.

Colder temperatures are just around the corner. Please take all of the necessary precautions to keep your family and guests safe. Until next time stay safe, stay vigilant and enjoy the fall colors.



ON THE WATER FRONT

With Bob de Haas

Fall is the time to think of:

1. **Freeze prevention** - it is not unusual to have cold snaps that can freeze water lines in the fall. Last year several homes had not "winterized" their irrigation systems which then froze, thawed when it turned warmer and sprayed water everywhere! For more freeze prevention tips look on our website, www.pinebrookwater.com, for tips on keeping your pipes from freezing.
2. **Meter Pits** - has anyone been in your meter pit? No one but Water District personnel are supposed to open the meter pits but.....almost every year we get calls from homes without water and when we arrive we found the meter pit wide open in the freezing weather. This usually happens when a home owner or a plumber was working on the household plumbing and turned off the water at the meter pit and then forgot to close it. This is not only an inconvenience for the residents but it is not fun for us, as it usually happens during the evening hours and it is cold outside!
3. **Budget Discussions** - the Board of Directors will be talking about what the budget for 2011 should look like. A proposed budget will have been prepared by the middle of October and a finalized budget will have to be adopted by November/

December. A copy of the proposed budget will be available on our website, www.pinebrookwater.com, once it has been prepared. The most important Board meetings for discussing the budget are the October and November Board meetings. The dates for these are also posted on the website.

Electronic Payments & Credit Card Payments

The District is working on a system that will allow customers to pay with an electronic check or credit card. The District has not had such a system before now because there were always costs associated with it that the District would then have had to include in the budget.

However there is now a system for use by governmental entities (which we are) that allows customers to pay by electronic check or credit card and has no costs to the District. Customers who elect to pay in this manner will be charged a fee which will be disclosed to them before they complete their transaction. This system is being used by numerous counties, including Boulder County, and the State of Colorado.

There will be a follow-up announcement when this system is actually in operation. Once the system is operating you will go to our website, click on payments, and then click on "electronic checks" or "credit card payments." This then takes you to a secure site to complete the transaction. Watch for more information to come later this fall or by the end of the year.



HAIKU for Pine Brook Lovers

*We are, you and me,
Like two pine needles
Which will dry and fall
But never separate.*

*Washi to omae wa
Futa ba no matsu yo
Karete ochite mo
Hanare mai*



Anonymous. From One Hundred More Poems From the Japanese, by Kenneth Rexroth

Arborist note: Our Ponderosa Pines have 4" to 7" needles in bunches of 2-3.

ROAD MAINTENANCE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (LID) VOTED DOWN

Roads Committee Report, September, 2010

By Cindy Lindsay

Pine Brook Hills is now facing some very tough decisions concerning the maintenance of our roads. The proposed '\$130 per year for 15 years' LID ballot to have the county provide road maintenance received a county-wide 'NO' by 58% to 42% with 49% of subdivision homeowners responding.

Pine Brook Hills voted 'YES' for the LID - 62% to 38%.

For details on how each subdivision voted:

http://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/pdf_files/BallotResults20100824.pdf

Boulder County states that their responsibilities for roads includes snow plowing, pothole repair, surface repairs where safety is an issue, grading of dirt roads plus a list of other tasks related to safety. Boulder County maintains approximately 750 miles of paved roadway. There are 285 miles of paved subdivision roads (~36% of the county total) serving about 10% of the county's population.

With the county taking the position that they will continue to maintain roads as described above, Pine Brook Hills needs to determine if we want more maintenance and how we think it best to maintain our roads. Our options at this point are:

1. Status quo - let the county do their committed maintenance and some basic repairs.
2. Create a Pine Brook Hills LID to maintain roads.
3. Create a 'political action' group to lobby the county to shift funds to road maintenance in the subdivisions.
4. Have Pine Brook Hills establish itself as a separate town in Boulder County collecting and allocating its own taxes.

Each of these solutions has challenges.

1. The status quo will have our roads continue to deteriorate, potentially impacting property values and safety.
2. A Pine Brook Hills LID requires homeowner approval, working with the county, creating a long-term plan and managing the LID over time. The process will be similar to approving the dam or getting the common covenants approved (i.e. a big

effort). Cost per homeowner is estimated to be three times the cost of the ballot LID.

3. Convincing the county commissioners to reallocate funds is a very different beast. This would require a coordinated effort of all the subdivisions. There are many constituency groups lobbying for county funds. It would take a very organized and carefully thought-out campaign with the commissioners to convince them that subdivision roads are a priority over other programs. NOTE: The next opportunity to talk with the commissioners is TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 @11:30 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may address the County Commissioners on any county related issue. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per individual speaker!
4. Town of Pine Brook Hills - I can't even begin to imagine what this would take!!

The challenge of the Roads Committee is to determine the desires of the Pine Brook Hills community. You will be receiving a survey about the road maintenance issue. Please take the time to respond.

In the interim, if you have comments, please send them to cindyL2001@comcast.net. In particular, I would like to know:

1. Do you have a preference for any of the listed alternatives?
 - a. If yes, which one and why?
 - b. If yes, would you be willing to work on a committee to create a plan for the preferred solution?
2. Other ideas / Comments?



COMMUNICATING

Thanks to the Pine Brook Forum many of us were able to share news about the fire. The Forum gained some 60 new members during that terrible week. Go to www.pinebrookhills.org, click on Forum and join, if you have not already done so.

We like to think that the Pine Brook Press, although only a quarterly, also contributes to neighborhood communication. (During the week, we didn't know whether our headline would be PBH Lives On, or Ashes.) We are changing our email address. Goodbye, AOL! Please send your stories, letters, pictures and anecdotes to us at press@pinebrookhills.org. Let's keep in touch!

2010 OPEN STUDIOS ARTIST TOUR

By Evie Gray

The free Open Studios Artist Tour will be held this year during the first two weekends in October—that's October 2, 3, 9 and 10, noon to six each day. This year 128 artists for the juried event are displaying their works, and some are giving instruction in their methods for creating their works, whether it's welding, weaving, sculpting or painting (or a combination of several media). Maps for the tour are \$6 and can be obtained at many locations throughout the Boulder area, such as Whole Foods, Barnes and Noble, the Boulder Bookstore, and others.

Two Pine Brook artists will be participating: Gary Zeff and Cha-Cha.

Gary Zeff

For the first 15 years of the Open Studios Tour, Zeff organized the affair. This year Zeff is an exhibitor only, to give him more time to devote to his art of sculptural wood turning. "Also, it was time for new blood," he explained.



A photo of Zeff, holding one of his later pieces, shows the scale of the sculptural form and how its lip is enhanced with a woven design that adds texture and color to the shape of the smooth wooden vase. To do his art, Zeff uses a combination of urban woods (local woods),

and exotic woods, so that people can see the results of using a variety of woods. During the Open Arts tour, any visitor to Zeff's studio who wants to get a tool in his/her hand can experience the feel of turning wood.

Gary and his wife Nancy moved here from San Diego in 1994, when they wanted to live in a smaller college town "to be more connected to the community," he said. When they designed their Pine Brook home, they included a large, well-equipped workshop for Gary and his fine, richly colored woods. You can see more of his work by visiting www.sculpturalwoodturning.com.

Cha Cha

Cha Cha has been an artist since she was 5 years old, and has worked with metal for 15 years. She lives in Pine Brook but has her studio in Boulder, where she

works in steel, bronze, aluminum and clay. In addition to welding and lost-wax casting, she also uses blacksmith and forge techniques and will be giving demonstrations of her work on the forge during the Open Studios Tour.

"I am big on education during these demos," she said. "I talk about safety, the danger of working with hot metal at 2000 degrees Fahrenheit, the importance of protective clothing, and all safety matters."

Cha Cha's favorite medium

is one that combines all her skills in several media. "Working with a new combination of materials adds a new dimension of complexity-like fine wine," she said. She also likes recycling material. Recently she has been using tin. She flattens the tin and uses the pieces the way paper pattern pieces are used in clothing construction. With these flattened pieces she makes sculptures, items of folk art and furniture.

Another of her artistic interests is calligraphy, which she has been doing for 35 years. She teaches a beginning class in calligraphy, where she and her students get "into the zone" in this meditative medium. "It's also very portable," she said. "When I'm traveling in a part of the world where I don't speak the language, and I take out my pens, somehow fundamental communication then becomes possible, using just the pleasing shapes of letters," she said.

Some photos of her sculptures can be seen at www.azengift.com.

Preview Exhibit in the Canyon Gallery at the Boulder Public Library: One piece from each artist will be on display from September 11 through October 10. Visiting the Canyon Gallery before the Tour will help you plan your visits to your favorite artists' studios.



WELCOME BACK, MALCOLM WATSON!

The Barefoot Violinist is with us again. Many Pine Brookers have enjoyed Malcolm's extraordinary music and watched with amazement as he played his violin while dancing (see Pine Brook Press Spring, 2005). He was missed when he left North Cedar Brook



several years ago.

He's been busy. He's given concerts in Europe and the U.S., and made a special guest appearance for the Science of Spirituality Summit, July, 2010,



with Deepak Chopra and others. Smaller but no less important venues included work with a school for disabled children, where a child who had refused for two years to use color in drawing began to do so after a day with Malcolm.

Malcolm and his partner, Marie Tierney, are working on developing a "Legacy Now Tour." Legacies, usually thought of as bequests of property, in this sense are based on the concept that actions have consequences, which are the legacy that each individual creates and leaves behind. Malcolm refers to the Hopi Indian philosophy of "committing to intentions and actions that will benefit the seventh generation of all peoples." Sounds like a really good idea.



A COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR PBH

By Aria Seidl

Did you know that Pine Brook Hills has a community garden? Set up just this past spring on Mark Cronshaw's property at 138 Wildcat Lane, the newly established WildStar Farm Community Garden is a large south facing garden, complete with a deer-proof fence, beautiful fertile soil, an irrigation system, large rock terraces and certified organic status.

2010 has been a good year for gardening in Pine Brook Hills. With plenty of spring rain, no late freezes and the summer thunder showers, my own garden (located next door to the community garden), has flourished with an abundance of berries, vegetables and herbs. I have been gardening in PBH for six years now and have found that even with the less-than-ideal conditions, it is possible to grow a wide range of food here. I grow arugula, beets, carrots, cherries, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, grapes, lettuce, onions, pears, peppers, potatoes, raspberries, squash, strawberries, tomatoes, zucchini and much more. I recommend all would-be gardeners not to give up on vegetable gardening just because we live in this horticulturally-chal-

lenged mountain environment, especially in light of this new gardening opportunity.

HISTORY

Mark Cronshaw fell in love with the PBH location and bought his property two years ago from David Tresemer of Sunshine Canyon. David, an experienced gardener, shared with me a little history of the land that now includes the community garden:

Back in the 1920's, the large meadow just west of Wildcat Lane was farmed for peas and potatoes. The farmers back then did not know much about terracing and green strips on sloped fields. In 1922, an immense rain storm sloughed the topsoil off that big open field and pushed it downhill. Much of the topsoil settled into the gully right where Mark Cronshaw's house and garden now are. (Incidentally that same storm also created Two Mile Gulch, the deep gully that starts up at Bristlecone Lane that is now used as the water route to fill the Pine Brook Hills reservoir.)

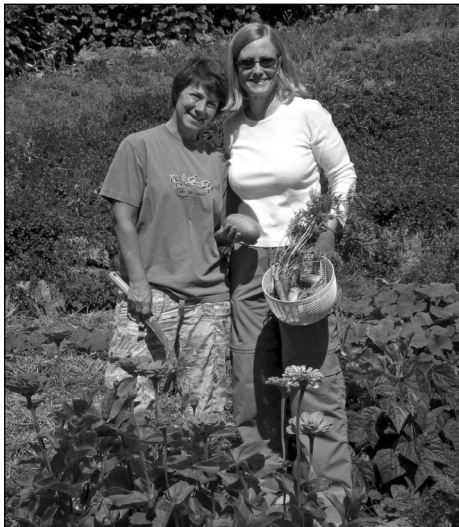
Kirk Hendricks, who owned the property later on, supervised the process of filling the holes in the garden area with excess stone and dirt from the water tank excavation for the million gallon tank (up above Bristlecone Lane). So the garden area had a few rocky patches, and many areas of great topsoil. In 1996, David Tresemer, the new owner, hired an expert in native plant species and permaculture ideas to design a garden there. With a crew of seven, terraces were built, fencing erected, irrigation systems put into place, and perennials planted. Many rare native species were planted around the edges. With the good soils, south-facing exposure, clean air and water, it seemed like a good location for a neighborhood garden. Organic certification was obtained after a three year transition period. David's StarHouse community grew sweetgrass and medicinal herbs in the garden for many years. Later, gardeners Marco and Jamie Lam planted other perennials and taught courses on gardening and permaculture there.

BIRTH OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN

In 2008 Mark Cronshaw became the new owner of this garden legacy. Mark is a novice gardener, keen to get his hands dirty and learn more. He has been growing herbs, berries, fruit trees and winter squash with the help of his neighbors. Realizing that he had more garden space than he could handle, Mark brainstormed with his neighbors Aria Seidl, Ben Levi and Janet Graaff, and thus WildStar Farm Community

Garden was born.

WildStar is set up along similar lines to other community gardens in Boulder. Gardeners rent a plot for an annual \$100 fee, pay for their water use, and in return get their own 24 foot by 8 foot garden plot, plus access to water, compost piles and garden tools. Gardeners also sign a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to a set of common-sense rules, such as no dogs, loud music or disturbing other gardeners' plots. The garden area also includes a small orchard of fruit trees that neighbors may want to help develop. This year, we have two neighbors growing a beautiful garden plot of flowers, cucumbers, beans, carrots and other edibles. Della King-Smith (of Balsam Lane) says, "My grandchildren, Makenna (8) and Kaylin (7), helped plant the garden and are very excited to be growing



Gardeners Della King-Smith and Jane Engel

their own Halloween pumpkin and eating the veggies they have grown." Another neighbor, Jane Engel (also from Balsam Lane), can be seen out gardening amongst her flowers and vegetables in the cool of the evenings. Jane says, "I love my garden and the beauty of the location." We also have a grateful Boulder beekeeper keeping his bee hives in the far corner of the garden. Tim Brod loves the location, as there is an abundance of organic forage for his bees. We love having the bees as they are beneficial pollinators for our gardens and provide us with local honey.

If you are interested in joining this community garden, or would like more information, please contact Mark Cronshaw at mbcronshaw@comcast.net or Aria Seidl at ariaeidl@comcast.net. We hold the vision of a vibrant organic garden full of happy neighbors and healthful, growing food. We welcome both novices and accomplished gardeners to share the next growing season with us. This coming winter would be the time to consider what you would like to grow and to order your seeds. Gardeners unite. Let's grow together.

SPEEDING ON PINE BROOK ROADS

Pogo was right: "We have met the enemy and he is us."

By Tim Gerchar

A couple of things became completely obvious to me when I sat down to write this article: one, it is difficult to drive within the posted speed limits in our neighborhood; and two, I probably won't make many friends by writing this. So let's begin with the posted limits in the neighborhood. On Linden Drive from the end of city limits to North Cedar Brook, the posted speed limit is 30 MPH. In the cut between North Cedar Brook and the Community Center, the speed limit is 30 MPH going UP and 20 MPH going DOWN. Go figure. The speed limit for the rest of the subdivision is 20 MPH.

It doesn't seem that we as a community, always observe those speed limits at all times. We've all seen vehicles exceeding the posted speed limits. So who are those drivers that exceed the limit? The vast majority of those vehicles belong to neighbors, people who live here, you and me.

We've all been there, leaving the house just a minute or two late and in a hurry to get to wherever we're going, or at the end of the day wanting to get back home to the reason we moved to Pine Brook Hills in the first place. Or we feel the need to pass someone who is obviously lost. These are all seemingly good reasons to push it a bit, along with some others: there's not much traffic, it's seldom patrolled, I've done it for years, everyone else races around the neighborhood. Some people have called for law enforcement to set up more and more speed traps to enforce the posted limits, and that will slow us down for a while, but then attention spans will wane, and we'll be back on the forum commenting on how the vehicles are again speeding through the neighborhood, threatening children at school bus stops, bicyclists enjoying our hills, and the wildlife. The dead fawn on Linden and the baby marmot on Balsam are silent advocates for watching that speedometer.

All of us should take a good look at our own driving habits and police ourselves before it's done for us. By that I certainly don't mean calling out your neighbor. We just need to realize that the extra seconds needed to observe the speed limits aren't wasted; those seconds allow us to enjoy our beautiful neighborhood a little longer, and make life a bit more satisfying for everyone in the neighborhood.

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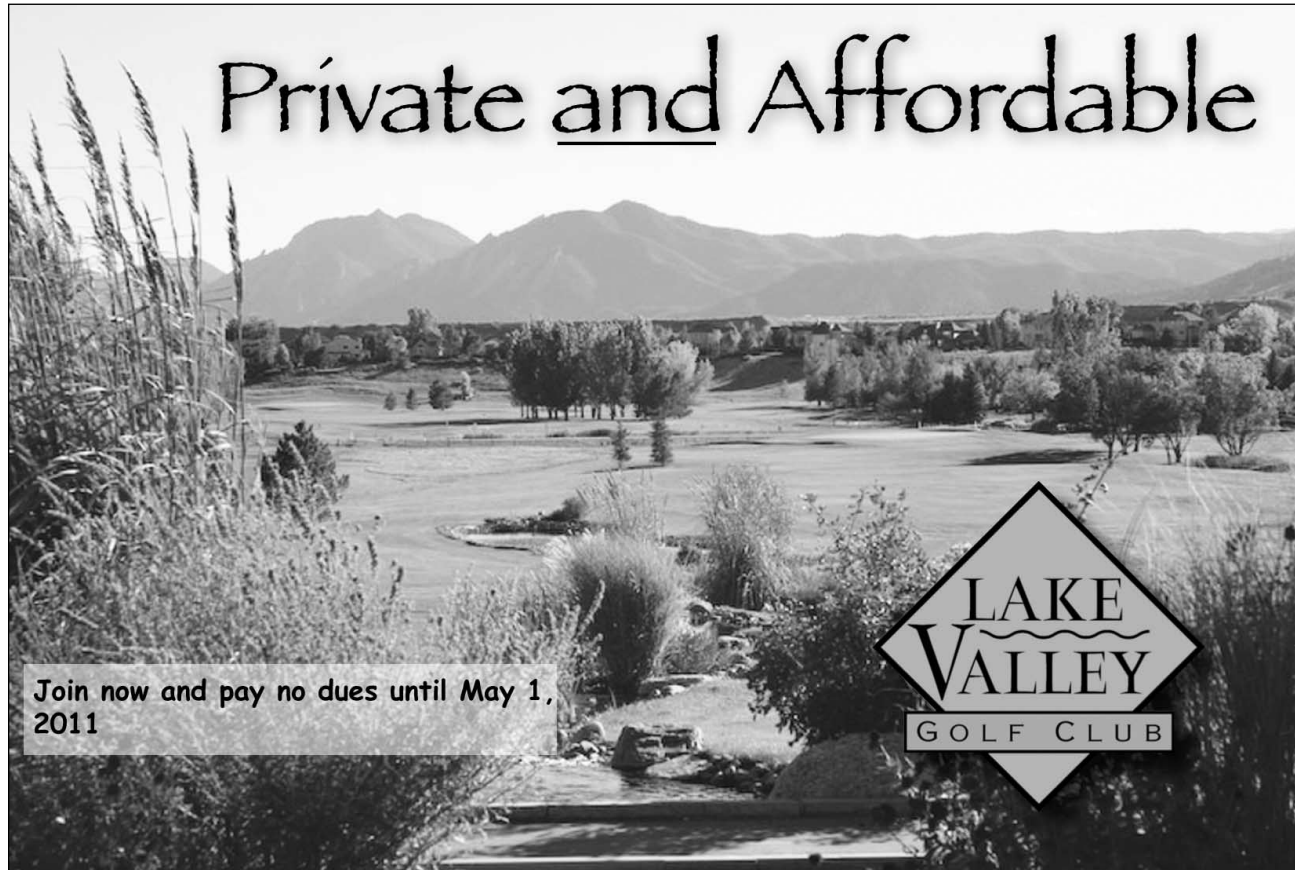
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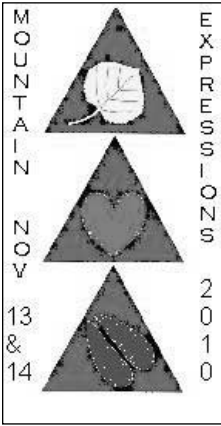
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MOUNTAIN EXPRESSIONS
November 13 and 14
**PBH Community Center/
 BMFPD Station 1**

We live in a very creative community! Proof of that is the success and longevity of the Mountain Expressions art/crafts/bake sale. Now in its fourth decade, Mountain Expressions continues to grow and generate significant support for our

dedicated BMFPD firefighters. Sale earnings go toward both equipment purchases and pats-on-the-back like the much appreciated holiday party and recognition ceremony.

CALL FOR SHOPPERS

We invite you to help in this effort to keep our volunteer firefighters happy! Please come shop with us on Saturday, November 13, 10am - 5 pm and Sunday, November 14, noon - 4 pm. It's a perfect way to start off the holiday season - a complimentary cup of hot cider or cold punch and a stroll through tables of lovely art and crafts and delicious home-baked goods.

Our artisans and bakers offer you everything from unique inexpensive items to one-of-a-kind masterpieces. Start and finish your gift shopping - for all the winter holidays - with us, and get something special for yourself, too.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Mountain Expressions offers artists and craftspeople in the BMFPD service area (PBH, Boulder Heights, Carriage Hills and Bow Mountain) an opportunity to connect with neighbors and townspeople alike.

Susan Maxwell, Mountain Expressions chair, says one key to the sale's continued popularity is the mix of both returning and new artists and craftspeople. While display space is limited, we are looking for a few new participants for the 2010 sale.

Please contact Susan M. by October 10th for details: 303.444.9851 or scmbonniestudio@comcast.net

CALL FOR BAKERS

Mountain Expressions wouldn't be the fragrant event it is without its popular sale of baked-from-scratch goodies. This year's bake sale coordinator, Susan Brochstein, is looking for new bakers in the district to add to her list. Susan reports that this year she

would like to include a few more gluten-free baked goods and items that freeze well for impromptu holiday entertaining.

To join the bakers list, please contact Susan B. by November 7th: 303.545.5334 or sbroch9@aol.com

CALL FOR WORKERS

There are lots of other fun ways to help with Mountain Expressions. If you aren't an artist or a baker, don't hesitate to contact Susan M. (see above) for other options!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE SALE AS ALWAYS, THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF AUXILIARY FUNDRAISERS

P.S. We are working on a new silent auction component of Mountain Expressions. Watch out for further info at www.pinebrookhills.org



**ROGER SVENDSEN HONORED
 AT BEETLE SEMINAR**

Pine Brook's Roger Svendsen has been an active BeetleBuster not only in our own fire district but also at Red Feather Lakes, where he has organized a beetle busting group to combat the bark beetle epidemic there. In addition, Roger has contributed to the health of our forest by making a large number of bird houses. Birds are excellent predators for beetles, as they can hear the tiny noises made by the insects under the wood. According to *Western Forest Insects*, "Birdhouse programs have increased the number of insectivorous birds 5 to 10 times." Woodpeckers are especially talented in this regard and are often our first indicators of Trouble Under the Bark, as *Western Forest Insects* confirms: "Woodpeckers are a conspicuous element in natural control. These industrious birds feed upon and materially reduce broods of bark beetles and other boring insects." The frugal Beetle-buster program has awarded Roger a fine refrigerator magnet featuring many different kinds of beetles - another household accessory that anyone would value.



This marmot, with some buddies, is living under Delia and Peter King-Smith's deck alongside some skunks. Talk about peaceful coexistence!

NEWCOMER NEWS

Compiled by Jo Wiedemann



The Haas family fishing Pine Brook Reservoir

Chris and Gretchen Haas moved to Pine Tree Lane in early August with their three children, Gabe (5 ½), Theo (3 ½) and Noemi (1 ½). They came to Pine Brook after five years in Chicago. They are excited about the adventures of mountain living with their three curious little ones. Chris works for Google as a sales engineer in Boulder. He enjoys mountain biking, skiing, running, and climbing “fourteeners” with friends and family. Gretchen is a special education teacher who loves singing, salsa dancing, listening to gospel music, hiking in the woods and having good chats over cups of hot tea or hot chocolate. Gabe, Theo and Noemi are always up for a good adventure or wild rumpus. Never a dull moment at their house in Pine Brook Hills these days.

Rob and Heidi Forsythe and their two children Una and Gavin moved to Linden Drive from Superior in November. They had been living in Colorado for seven years. Rob is a physician and Heidi is a stay-at-home mom home-schooling both their kids. They are enjoying their new home and the beautiful PBH neighborhood. They look forward to meeting some of their neighbors at one of the many community events!

Four new faces on High View:

Charles Doersch is a poet, writer, editor and professor. He teaches in the Program for Writing and Rhetoric at the University of Colorado, and has also taught Art History and a variety of humanities classes at Naropa University and Front Range Community College.

Sean McCollum is a writer who has written more than 500 articles and 28 books for educational publications such as Scholastic, National Geographic Kids

and the Cousteau Society. He also writes online curricular materials for such organizations as The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Matt Holmes is finishing up his undergraduate degree in the Humanities at the University of Colorado. He is editor-in-chief of the CU Honors Journal and works nearly full time as a server at Hapa Sushi on Pearl Street.



Charles Doersch, Sean McCollum, Matt Holmes and Chris Corl (left to right).

Chris Corl is also completing his Humanities degree at C.U. He serves as Art Editor of the CU Honors Journal, Assistant Manager of the UMC Art Gallery on campus, and works as a server at the restaurant Happy.

All of them love to travel, rock climb, backpack, scuba dive, surf, and enjoy birding and botanizing when not pursuing their intellectual and artistic interests. They are delighted to be new members of the PBH community.

Greg and Lena Leon, Bodhi (3), Talia (3 months) and Kaia (yellow lab) now live at 1234 N. Cedar Brook. Greg is a sales engineer and telecommutes for an RF engineering software company in Eugene, OR. He is also pursuing a MS in Telecommunications at CU in the Interdisciplinary Telecommunications Program, participating in the new DOE funded Digital Energy program focusing on Smart Grid network planning. His interests are “anything related to technology, woodworking, gardening and hiking.” Lena enjoys baking and gardening. She recently finished her BS in Horticulture and hopes to get involved with the community gardening scene in Boulder. Greg says, “We chose PBH due to its serene beauty, ease of accessibility to the University, and from what I heard, a great sense of community.”

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Fire helicopter picking up water from Pine Brook Reservoir. Quoting Bob de Haas: "...we are very aware of the water being taken and it is with our complete blessing. This water is being used to fight this fire and if this helps make a difference then it will have been worth every drop, not only to us but to our neighbors who are much worse off than we are." *Photo by Bob Olliver*